

2011 TN Council on Developmental Disabilities State Plan

Goals	Objectives	Projects/Activities
<p>Goal 1: Leadership Development</p> <p>Annually, in partnership with Tennesseans with disabilities, families and others provide training, education and informational opportunities that result in people who are better able to access services, serve on cross disability and culturally diverse leadership coalitions, influence policy, communicate needs, and build relationships in their communities.</p>	<p>1.1 Yearly, provide 7 weekend sessions of Partners in Policymaking to train 10 self advocates and 15 family members on disability policy and practice in Tennessee and nationally.</p> <p>1.2 Yearly, provide opportunities for individuals with disabilities and family members to develop their knowledge and leadership skills via five activities: supporting a statewide self advocacy organization; strengthening statewide self advocacy initiatives; funding and operating the Consumer Education Stipends so 150 people are assisted; partnering with advocates to reach underserved families from diverse cultures with minority leadership training; and, in partnership with other advocacy groups funding and co-sponsoring the annual Tennessee Disability Mega Conference.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners in Policymaking • Tennessee Self Advocacy Network • People Planning Together (PC Organizations leadership training by self advocates) • STEP Minority Leadership Conferences • Pathfinder Multicultural Project • Consumer Education Stipends • Tennessee Disability MegaConference • Youth Leadership Forum • Next Chapter Book Clubs

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	<p>1.3 Each year of the plan provide the Tennessee Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) to support 15 youth in high school with disabilities to develop and serve as leaders and mentors to their peers.</p> <p>1.4 For a minimum of FY 2012 and 2013, expand the number of members in Next Chapter Book Clubs from 50 to 75.</p>	
<p>Goal 2: Service System Improvement</p> <p>Annually, in collaboration with individuals with disabilities, families, professionals and policy makers, fund and replicate demonstrations of best practice, form and support public policy development, and coordinate coalitions so that the Tennessee developmental disability service system is person and family</p>	<p>2.1 For FY 2012 through 2014, facilitate replication of Project Opportunity to 2 additional sites in Tennessee.</p> <p>2.2 Research demand side employment demonstration projects</p> <p>2.3 Annually, work with the Tennessee Employment Consortium,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Opportunity • Research demand side employment models • Tennessee Employment Consortium (TEC) • Tennessee Alliance for Full Participation (AFP) • Disability Coalition on Education • Alliance on Disability

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<p>centered and supports individuals with developmental disabilities to be independent, productive and included in community life.</p>	<p>and the Tennessee Alliance for Full Participation to fully develop and implement the Tennessee AFP plan to double the number of individuals with I/DD working in competitive employment.</p> <p>2.4 Yearly, form, support and/or serve on public policy coalitions in order to advocate for and educate policymakers on best policies and practices in services to people with DD. Note – the focus of the coalition can be employment, housing or any other topic relevant to the DD Act.</p> <p>2.5 Annually, fund a minimum of 4 demonstration projects in order to highlight models such as self directed services, person centered thinking organizations, or other community-based best practice models. Note – this can be accomplished through either the Call for Application or Continuation Proposal processes.</p>	<p>Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fulfill the Promise • EasyLiving Homes • Visitability Task Force • Human Service Coops • Microboards • Tennessee Microboard Association • Person Centered Organizations • Project Open Wide • Next Steps • Post Secondary Education Task Force
<p>Goal 3: Information and Outreach</p>		

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<p>Annually, provide Tennesseans with disabilities, family members, professionals, organizations, policymakers, and the public with reliable sources of information about disability issues, services and supports which they use to increase access to services and drive systems change.</p>	<p>3.1 Yearly, provide information on disability issues and topics through a magazine format.</p> <p>3.2 Yearly, provide educational information on policy and legislation at the state and federal level through a newsletter format distributed via mail, e-mail, conference calls, and the Internet.</p> <p>3.3 Yearly, provide information, referral, and support to people with disabilities and families seeking to access and use services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breaking Ground• Legislative Monitor• Disability Pathfinder
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